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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)	Confirmation No. 6057
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)	Group Art Unit 3683
Serial No. 10/634,529)	
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Filed: August 5, 2003)	Examiner King, Bradley T.
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For: VALVE SEAT FOR A CONTROL)	Attorney Docket 1-21434
VALVE IN A VEHICLE BRAKE)	
SYSTEM)	

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

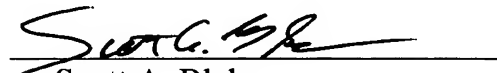
In response to the Election Requirement dated July 28, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of Group I, Figures 1 through 4. Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-25, and 27-30 read on the elected species. At least claims 1-4, 9-14, 19-24, 29, and 30 are generic. The election is made with traverse. It is noted that the Office Action Summary and the Detailed Action incorrectly refer only to claims 1-10, when in actuality the application includes claims 1-30.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all the species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Applicants believe that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid

unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office. All three embodiments relate to a valve seat assembly having a groove formed on a valve body, wherein a substantially resilient seal is disposed therein. Furthermore, all three embodiments include a groove surface substantially parallel to an axis of the valve body. The three essentially function in the same manner in that the seal moves relative to the groove surface to expose a bore extending between the groove surface and a passageway formed in the valve body. Differences between the three embodiments merely include specific structures of other surfaces of the groove.

With respect to claims 2, 12, and 22 reading on the elected species I, it is noted that the "groove surface" as defined in claims 2, 12, and 22 generally refers to the groove surfaces 36A, 136, and 236 which are substantially parallel to an axis of the valve body.

Respectfully submitted,



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